Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—In taluk headquarters, the number of students has increased and much difficulty is felt as regards accommodation. Rented buildings are too small to accommodate them. The working hours may be reduced to three hours and the students arranged into batches—one batch attending in the morning from 7 to 10 and the other in the afternoon. The headmasters may be given some extra allowance for attending the schools in the mornings.

(*Vide.*—Dewan's concluding remarks in Appendix G.)

SUBJECT No. 83.

Maintenance of school buildings constructed under the Village Improvement Scheme.

Mr. Gurubasappa, Davangere Taluk.

Mr. Narayana Setti.—Permanent buildings may be erected for Village Schools. Temporary sheds proposed by some of the members will create an impression that the school is liable to be closed at any moment. The number of buildings may even be reduced but they may be permanent structures. We are prepared to pay contribution. In fact, large amounts of contribution are outstanding.

Third Member of Council.—It would be impossible to educate the boys, if we wait till the buildings are constructed.

SUBJECT No. 84.

Contribution for the construction of Village School buildings.

Mr. Rajanarasiah Setty, Tyamagondlu Municipality.

Mr. Rajanarasiah Setty.—For the establisment of Village Schools, villagers are to provide the necessary sites for the construction of the building and to contribute half the probable cost of the building. This restriction may be removed as the levy of contribution makes them indifferent to educate their boys.

Mr. Channappa.—Government contribution for school buildings may be increased and the levy of contribution from villagers removed. Much difficulty is felt by the villagers as they have to pay a number of taxes. If the levy of contributions cannot be removed, it may be reduced to half the present amount. As the educational cess has been newly levied, the levy of contribution on the raiyats may be withdrawn.

Mr. Thimmappiah.—The proportion of contribution payable by the raiyats may be reduced.

TECHNICAL.

PUBLIC WORKS.

(*Nos. 85 and 86.*)

SUBJECT No. 85.

Disposal of lands under Krishnaraja Sagara *nala*

Mr. D. S. Hanumantha Rao, Devanhalli Taluk.

Mr. D. S. Hanumantha Rao.—Lands under the Krishnaraja Sagara *nala* (channel) which is under construction, may be granted on concession terms to the holders of wet lands under tanks in the *maidan* taluks. These taluks have practically no lands that are fed by channels and even if there is very satisfactory rainfall,

the tanks do not get filled. Under these difficult circumstances, lands under any one channel from the Krishnaraja-Sagara may be reserved for the holders of wet lands under tanks in the *maidan* taluks.

Dewan.—The reasons are not clear. It will not be possible to consider this request till after the construction of high level channels.

SUBJECT No. 86.

A channel from Marikanave Reservoir.

Mr. Hutchaveere Gowda, Gubbi Taluk.

Mr. Hutchaveere Gowda.—It is a well-known fact that, owing to scanty rainfall year after year, there has been scarcity of water for irrigation and fodder in this part of the country. The Marikanave Reservoir is said to contain more water than is necessary for cultivation purposes. If a channel is excavated from Marikanave Reservoir and water led to the Sira tank, many of the tanks in this taluk would be fed by it and appreciable revenue would accrue to Government. The project may be investigated and sanctioned, if found feasible.

Dewan.—The Chief Engineer states that the levels do not permit the excavation of such a channel and that the proposal is not feasible. It has therefore to be dropped.

TECHNICAL.

(ELECTRICAL.)

(*No. 87.*)

SUBJECT No. 87.

Electrical charges.

Messrs. B. V. Krishnaiengar, S. K. Narasimhaiya, R. Gopalaswami Iyer, Bangalore City Municipality, and J. R. Isaac, Indian Christian Association, Bangalore.

Mr. S. K. Narasimhaiya.—The charges of electric current both for lighting and power, have been recently increased to a very considerable extent, causing a great hardship to the public. We waited on the Dewan Sahib to represent this hardship but were directed to go to the Second Member of Council. He promised us sympathetic consideration but nothing has been done in the matter. We request that suitable reduction may be made in either case.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—In regard to the same subject, a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce waited on the Dewan and it was directed to go to the Member in Charge of the Electrical portfolio and sympathetic consideration was promised to us. When a reminder was sent by the Chamber, we were informed that there was a change of portfolios and the Member in charge would consider and reply.

In other provinces of India, water power is the cheapest means of generating electricity and it is natural that, in Mysore, this should be so too. I have prepared a list of the minimum and maximum charges for power consumption in Bombay, Madras, Lahore, Calcutta, etc. If permitted, I shall send it up to Government.